(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its policies on the export of vegetables and fruits?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) It is a fact that the price of garlic has significantly increased during 1986-87 mainly due to fall in production on account of drought conditions in the garlic growing areas. The export of garlic has infact declined.

(b) Due to reduction in production of garlic the availability of garlic for seed purposes is adversely affected.

(c) Plant quarantine regulations are followed for import of planting materials of agricultural/horticultural crops including garlic.

(d) Export of fruits and vegetables are being continuously monitored. Government will not encourage export of such vegetables and fruits which are in short supply in the country.

Annual loss incurred on large surface water projects

*258. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Times of India of 13th December, 1986 to the effect that India was incurring an annual loss of Rs. 800 crores on large surface water project; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to cut the losses?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The annual loss mentioned in the news item appears to be based on a purely financial approach. The low financial returns are attributable to inadequate water rates and their poor recoveries by the States. The State Governments have been urged to review the water rates and improve recoveries.

Operational Research Units in Maharashtra

*259. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1955 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 1986 and state:

(a) the places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986;

(b) the places where such units are proposed to be established during the year 1987; and

(c) whether Government have set up or propose to set up, a network of agencies to moniter, evaluate and improve the working of such units?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986 are as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Location	Implementing Agency	Date of start
1	2	3	4	5
1	ORP on Integrated Control of Rice Pests	Raigarh	Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	1986

1	2	3	4	5
2	ORP on efficient utilisation & Management of Irrigation Water in Jayakwadi Command Area.	Beed	Marathwada Agril. University, Parbhani	1985
3	ORP for stepping up production of cereals, pulses & cotton.	Amravati	Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	Terminated
	ORP on Total Resource Development on Watershed basis.	Ahmednagar.	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri.	1984
5	ORP on Total Resource Development on Water-shed basis.	Beed	Marathwada Agril. Univ. Parbhani.	1985
6	ORP on Total Resource Development on Watershed basis	Ratnagiri	Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	1984
7	ORP on Total R source Development on Watershed basis.	Gunj (Akola)	Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	1985
8	ORP on Scheduled Tribes.	Chikaldara (Amr vati)	Punjabroa Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	1979
	ORP on Scheduled Tribes.	Dharni (Amravati)	Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	1980
10	ORP on Scheduled Tribes	Akola	Central Potato Research Instt. Shimla	1980
11	ORP on Scheduled Tribes.	Nanded	Marathwada Agril. University, Parbhani	1979
12	ORP on Scheduled Tribes	Aheri (Garhchiroli)	Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola	1980
13	ORP on Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities.	Beed	Marathwada Agril. University, Parbhani	1982
14	ORP on Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities.	Akola	Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola.	198

(b) At present the ICAR does not propose to establish more ORP units in Maharashtra.

(c) The ICAR monitors and evaluates the working of the ORPs through its headquarter staff and the eight Zonal Coordinating Units which are located at the following places:

Zone No.	States Covered
ZONE I	
(Punjab Agril. University, Ludhiana)	Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi

Zone No.	States Covered
2. ZONE II	
(Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur)	West Bengal, Orissa and Andaman Nicobar Islands.
3. ZONE III	
(NEH Research Complex, Shillong)	Whole of the NEH Region, Sikkim and Assam.
4. ZONE IV	
(C.S. Azad University of Agri. & Tech., Kanpur)	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar.
5. ZONE V	
(Central Research Institute for Dryland Agri. Hyderabad)	Andhra Pradesh.
6. ZONE VI	
(Gujarat Agri University, Ahmedabad)	Rajasthan & Gujarat
7. ZONE VII	
(Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur)	Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.
8. ZONE VIII	
(NDRI Station, Bangalore)	Karnataka, Tamilnadu Kerala and Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands.

The Council headquarter staff and the Zonal Coordinating staff visit the project sites and provide on-the-spot guidance to the scientists and technical staff implementing the ORPs. These projects have been evaluated once by a committee constituted by the ICAR in the year 1980-81. Besides this evaluation, a special team was constituted by the ICAR to evaluate the ORPs on reclamation of problem soils. The recommendations of these committees after examination in the Council and approval of the Governing Body of the ICAR have been implemented.

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad also undertook an evaluatory study of some selected operational research projects with the purpose of studying research management aspects of ORPs and other planning, monitoring and evaluation problems involved in the implementation of ORPs.

Loans by HUDCO

*260. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the credit ceiling and repayment period of housing loans advance by HUDCO;

(b) whether in view of housing shortage in the country, Government propose to give fiscal incentives to promote housing activity in the country; and

(c) whether Government also propose for additional tax benefits to the corporate sector for providing housing facilities to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The financing norms of HUDCO were last revised in December, 1985.